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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. (Previously Presented) A digital residential entertainment system, comprising:
 - a media server tuning to a transport layer and transmitting the entire transport layer, rather than a single program stream, over a system bus;
 - a broadband input/output module receiving the transport layer from the system bus and sending the transport layer to a network bus;
 - a network input/output module receiving the transport layer from the network bus;
 - a decryption module that receives the transport layer from the network input/output module and that decrypts the transport layer;
 - a demultiplexer that receives the decrypted transport layer and that demultiplexes the decrypted transport layer; and
 - a decoder that decodes the demultiplexed and decrypted transport layer.
- (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 1, further comprising a digital-to-analog converter that converts the decoded transport layer to analog signals.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 2 1, further comprising a conditional access system that restricts access to media services offered via the transport layer to authorized customers, and wherein the decoder is connected to a media bus and the decoder sends the decoded, multiplexed, and decrypted transport layer to the media bus.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 3, wherein the conditional access system comprises a card reader and an access card, and wherein the transport layer includes multiple program signals.

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- 5. (Currently Amended) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 3, wherein the conditional access system comprises a secured network conditional access system, and further comprising an Ethernet switch connected to the network bus and that receives the transport layer from the network bus.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 5, wherein the secured network conditional access system comprises a secured Internet Protocol (IP) connection to an authentication service provider.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 6, wherein the secured Internet Protocol (IP) connection is an IPsec connection.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 5, wherein the secured network conditional access system comprises a broadband connection to an authentication service provider.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 8, wherein the broadband connection is a private virtual circuit (PVC) connection.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the decrypting, demultiplexing and decoding functions are integrated into a single chip.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the network input/output module, the decryption module, the demultiplexer and the decoder comprise a computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions, which when executed perform the functions of the network input/output module, the decryption module, the demultiplexer and the decoder.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A digital residential entertainment system, comprising:

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- a tuner array connected to a system bus, the tuner array receiving and demodulating a plurality of transport layers, tuning to a specific transport layer identified by a decoder and sending the entire identified transport layer, rather than a single program stream, over the a system bus;
- a broadband input/output module <u>connected to the system bus and</u> receiving the transport layer from the system bus and sending the transport layer to a network bus;
- a network input/output module <u>connected to the network bus and</u> retrieving the transport layer from the network bus;
- a decryption module <u>connected to the network input/output module and</u> that receives the transport layer from the network input/output module and that decrypts the transport layer;
- a demultiplexer connected to the decryption module and that receives the decrypted transport layer and that demultiplexes the transport layer; and

another decoder <u>connected to the demultiplexer</u> that decodes the demultiplexed and decrypted transport layer.

- 13. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 12, wherein the decoder is part of a thin client set top box.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 12, further comprising a digital-to-analog converter that converts the transport layer to analog signals, and wherein the digital-to-analog converter is connected to a media bus and the digital-to-analog converter sends the decoded, multiplexed, and decrypted transport layer to the media bus.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 12, further comprising a conditional access system connected to the another decoder that restricts access to media services offered via the transport layer to authorized customers.

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16. (Previously Presented) The digital residential entertainment system of claim 12, wherein the transport layer is an Ethernet transport layer.